

AGENDA



Thursday, November 29, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 25**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for the design and construction and right of way acquisition for the extension of Tuscany Way from Exchange Drive to Ferguson Lane with related intersection improvements and the relocation of existing water facilities in the amount of \$1,787,502.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,637,502 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department and \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal notes are attached.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission.

Prior Council Action: February 2, 2007, authorizing negotiation and execution of an agreement with Travis County for Tuscany Way construction; February 7, 2002, amended ordinance No. 010910-02 the 2001-2002 Capital Budget of the Transportation, Planning & Sustainability Department to accept Capital Metro ¼ cent funding; August 23, 2007, approved projects for 2000 Transportation Bond funding.

In February 2002, the City and Travis County first agreed to share in the costs of constructing an extension of Tuscany Way. At the request of Travis County, the Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization revised its Transportation Improvement Program plan to relocate an arterial in northeast Austin. When estimated costs exceeded allocations, additional funding was provided from the Capital Metro ¼ cent funding.

The City and Travis County have agreed to extend Tuscany Way as a 61-foot wide arterial from its current intersection with Exchange Drive to Ferguson Lane. The new Tuscany/Ferguson intersection will be improved to provide turning lanes for expected heavy truck traffic. An existing city water line along Ferguson will be relocated. Associated stormwater drainage improvements near the intersection are also included. This project is ready to begin as soon as the City acquires the Right of Way and easements.

In addition to acquisition costs, the City is responsible for water line relocation costs and construction funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,787,502. Travis County is responsible for design, management and construction of the project in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000. This is one of the SH130 connectivity and County participation projects approved for 2000 Transportation Bond funding.